

Ways Save

Tips from the Missouri Public **Service Commission** that may help save money on cooling bills this summer.

Conserve Energy While Cooking and Cleaning

- Use your microwave, toaster oven or slow cooker. They use half the energy of a regular oven and will keep your kitchen cooler.
- If you cook on a stove, cover pans and use exhaust fans periodically, as required, to reduce indoor humidity.
- Wash clothes in cold water with a cold water detergent. If washing less than a full load, set the water level accordingly to suit the size of the load -- you'll save energy and water.
- Dry laundry on a line to avoid using the clothes dryer. You can put the laundry in the dryer when its almost dry. Add a sheet of fabric softener to take out the stiffness in the clothes. Clean the lint filter in the dryer after every use.
- Try to wash only full loads in the dishwasher and use the short cycle. Except for the dirtiest dishes, short cycles work just as well but use less energy.
- Clothes dryers and dishwashers produce a lot of heat. Use them in the early morning or the late evening, not in the heat of the day.